

Response dated 09/20/2005
Reply to Office Action dated 07/13/2005

Application No. 10/001,357

REMARKS

The Office Action of July 13, 2005 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered. By this response, claims 9-12, 15-16, 18-28, and 48-49 have been cancelled and new claims 50-58 have been added. No new matter has been introduced into the application. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such notification.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter of claims 2-8, 13-14, 17 and 29-47. Applicant has cancelled claims 9-12, 15-16, 18-28, and 48-49 in order to advance prosecution.

Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 48 and 49 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nappholz et al., U.S. Patent 5,188,106 in view of Wojcicki et al., U.S. Patent 5,190,522.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 48, and 49 rendering the rejection moot. Applicant reserves the right to file the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Claims 15 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wojcicki et al., U.S. Patent 5,190,522 in view of Nappholz et al., U.S. Patent 5,188,106.

Applicant has cancelled claims 15 and 18 rendering the rejection moot. Applicant reserves the right to file the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Rejections under 35 USC §102

Claims 12 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Wojcicki, et al., U.S. Patent 5,190,522.

Applicant has cancelled claims 12 and 16 rendering the rejection moot. Applicant reserves the right to file the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

New Claims

Claims 50-58 have been added in the current response and are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons independent claim 2 from which they ultimately depend.

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Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.
A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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